

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9 and 12-16 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim for Priority

It is noted that the time period under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1)(i) has been met for presenting the claim for foreign priority. Because the Examiner has not specifically required submission of the certified copy, but has simply noted that the certified copy has not yet been received, it is noted that the necessary certified copy will be submitted before the patent is granted, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55(a)(2). If the Examiner requires earlier submission of the certified copy, it is respectfully requested that an appropriate request be forwarded to the undersigned.

Amendments to the Claims

Support for the amendments to claim 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12 and 13 can be found on page 2, lines 23-25, and page 5, lines 26-30, of the originally filed specification. Claims 13-16 has simply been amended to change their dependencies from claim 1 to claim 9. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is present in the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Rejection under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Bones et al., U.S. Publication 2002/0078386. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to independent claim 1, it is noted that Bones et al. does not teach or suggest what the examiner relies upon it as supposedly teaching. More specifically, Bones et al. fails to teach or suggest, inter alia, the following features recited in independent claims 1 and 9:

“at least one client computer connected to the application program server via the network, each of which receives sign-on information, operating the application program by signing on to the application program server with the sign-on information, and sending the a new sign-on information which successfully signs on to the application program server after signing on to the application program server; and

a single sign-on server connected to the client computer, the single sign-on server for receiving and saving the new sign-on information from the client computer, and sending the sign-on information to the client computer when the client computer signs on to the application program server.”

Bones et al. discloses a method and a system for changing a plurality of target passwords in a single sign-on environment, but does not teach that the sign-on information is updated after signing on to the application programs successfully. In the present invention, the user utilizes a pre-saved sign-on information in a single sign-on process to sign on to the application programs automatically. Further, the sign-on information is updated after signing on to the application programs successfully, so that the sign-on information is kept up-to-date. Nowhere in Bones et al. does it teach or suggest the concepts and steps of “sending a new sign-on information which successfully signs on to the application program server after signing on to the application program server” as required in independent claims 1 and 9 of the present invention.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Bones fails to teach or suggest the method of independent claims 1 and 9, as well as their dependent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(e) rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

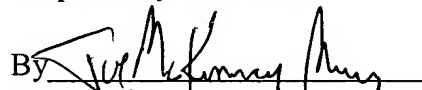
Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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